

Pews News

July 20, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

St. James Lutheran Church, 6700 46th Place North, Crystal, Minnesota 55428

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Farewell Potluck Picnic Today after Worship

Today is Pastor Dave Valen's last Sunday at St. James. Let's send him off and thank him with a potluck picnic in Wold Hall following worship. Hotdogs and dessert will be provided.

We thank Pastor Dave for his wonderful interim ministry at St. James (and for his humor). We wish him all the best!

Pastor Randy Romsdahl Begins Tomorrow

We are pleased to welcome Pr. Romsdahl as St. James' Sr. Pastor on Mon., July 21.

His installation will be Sun., Aug. 10 during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, with Bishop Ann Svennungsen presiding. Donations of bars for the celebration after worship are welcomed! Bars can be brought to church that morning.

Stop by and introduce yourself to Pastor Randy! Or feel free to send him a welcome email to rromsdahl@stjamesincrystal.org.

Last Day to Sign Up for New Directory

Today is the last day to sign up for the new St. James photo directory! Photography will be July 21-25, 2:00—9:00 p.m. Book your session today in the narthex or by following the link online at www.stjamesincrystal.org. Everyone will receive a **FREE** 8x10 and directory for participating.

We are looking for people to help greet our families during photography the week of July 21-25. This would be a great opportunity for student community service hours! All volunteers will receive a **20% off** coupon for any portrait session purchases.

Please note that Lifetouch is partnering for a food drive. They are asking families to bring in a non-perishable food item. They will in turn give you a \$5 off certificate to thank you for your donation.

Please notify us of any changes to address, phone, or email so the directory can have the most updated information!

Questions? Contact Amanda Burns at 763-537-3653 or aburns@stjamesincrystal.org, Monday-Wednesday.

Welcome Tovin!

Today we joyfully welcome through Holy Baptism, Tovin John Spranger, son of Brian & Mathea Spranger. His godparents are David and Susan Hall. Congregational sponsors are Joel and Shayna Anderson.

Prayer Concerns:

(Prayer slips are available in the pews. Please fill out and place in the offering plate. Names will be listed in the following week's Pews News.)

Arnette	Ray
Arnold	All caregivers
Neighbors living under stress	Those people that are struggling with thoughts of suicide
Bob Leinonen	NEAR school students
Dan, for employment	Ralph
Thomas Ritter	Dale
Jackson, facing long term and immediate challenges	Joyce, recovering from a tick bite
All immigrants	Jessie
All homeless	All travelers
All who hunger	Troy Hargreaves family
Sarah	Chad Z. family
Lead Alex to satisfying work	Safe travels for Susan, as she travels to MN
Roger	

Service Participants:

Preaching: Pastor Dave Valen

Presiding: Pastor Kristen Brechler

Musician: Mary Brown

Assisting Minister: Thomas Becker

Lector: Sonya Lodahl

Altar Guild: Kathleen Clemens

Greeters: Vi Hanson, Sandy Johnson

Communion Assistants: Stan & Connie Tikkanen

Ushers: Mike Stanchfield, Jim Olsen, Stan Tikkanen, John Lindstrom, Wayne Rierson, Don & Deb Edmondson

Worship Information

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. Faithful God,

C: most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This Week's Events

Sunday, July 20:

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Potluck Picnic

Monday, July 21:

10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door
2:00 p.m. Directory Photos
7:00 p.m. Council

Tuesday, July 22:

2:00 p.m. Directory Photos
5:15 p.m. Men's Golf
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, July 23:

9:30 a.m. Women's Golf
2:00 p.m. Directory Photos
7:00 p.m. GA

Thursday, July 24:

9:00 a.m. Archives
2:00 p.m. Directory Photos
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, July 25:

2:00 p.m. Directory Photos
4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, July 26:

9:00 a.m. CPR training

Sunday, July 27:

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Adult Ed
6:30 p.m. Bonfire Ministry bonfire

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$3,269
Received to date: \$194,236
- Capital Fund: \$593
Received to date: \$54,126
- Special Offering (*NEAR School Supplies*) \$138
- Attendance: 124

Office Hours

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parking Information

When coming to church on Sunday mornings, please be mindful of those who need to park closer to the church entrance.



Next Week's Texts

Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

St. James Staff

Pastor Dave Valen (612-499-1006)
Pastor Kristen Brechler (651-307-6563)
Lana Teigen, Financial Coordinator
Amanda Burns, Director of Communications
Ryan Walesch, Senior High Youth
Ron Skalicky, Custodian
Mary Brown, Organist and Bell Choir Director
Deanna Loken, Choir Director
Amy Jermstad, Sunday Morning Custodian

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Second Sunday Singers Continues Through the Summer!

On August 10, we will gather at 9:00 a.m. to prepare a piece to sing at that morning's service. All ages and all abilities are welcome!

Nursery Volunteers

Even though things slow down in the summer, we still need caring volunteers to help with childcare during the worship service. Please consider the time you can give, and sign up on the sheet outside the nursery, or call the church office. Thank you!

Dinner at Your Door Drivers

Drivers are needed for the Dinner at Your Door Program. Regular and substitute drivers are needed. Regular drivers can expect to volunteer about one hour each month. Substitute drivers are called as needed. This is a very small amount of time to give to a program that means so much to so many people. Having a meal delivered each day allows many people to remain independent. You will find volunteering for this program to be very rewarding. For more information call Barbara Parsons at 763-227-2282.

NEAR School Supplies

Please check out the display case to see what school supplies a 2nd/3rd grader will need to start the school year. This year, NEAR will make up 75-80 bags for these students.

The items needed for these bags will be: 320 folders, 80 crayons, 80 pencil sharpeners, 80 colored pencils, 80 markers, 80 glue, 80 red pens, 80 blue pens, 80 erasers, 80 highlighters, 80 scissors, 80 rulers, and 480 pencils. Watch for sales!

Your help will be greatly appreciated. The parents are very thankful for any help getting their students ready for the school year.

If you choose to give a donation of money, make a check out to St. James with NEAR School on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.

Respite Care

Respite Care is held at House of Hope the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The caregivers support group is held there from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. those same days.

This is a ministry of Bonfire's Health & Wellness team and is open to any family, member or non-member.

There is a nominal cost for the program, that can be negotiable if necessary. Lunch is served each time the program is run.

Blood Drive at Holy Nativity

The Memorial Blood Mobile will be at Holy Nativity on Aug. 7 from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Summer is a time of particular need for blood donation as there are many elective surgeries and traumatic accidents. Please consider giving blood on Aug. 7. Holy Nativity has a desperate need for new donors. You may sign up by emailing Karen at kadamson56@gmail.com.

The Page Turners Book Club

No book club in July or August.

September's pick: Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson.

For more information, contact Linda Judge (at 763-533-4081 or judgelinda@msn.com).

Ushers Needed

We need you! Ushers are assigned one Sunday a month. Please contact the church office or Stan Tikkanen (763-546-8155) if you are interested, or would like more information.

No Adult Ed Today

There will be no adult ed this morning. Please come down to Wold Hall for the farewell potluck picnic for Pastor Dave Valen.

Garage Sale Thanks

A big "thank you" to all the volunteers, contributors and clean up crew that helped with this year's garage sale. We raised just under \$900! The weather held out for us and we had a lot of fun working together. Thank you, thank you!

Financial Statements

Second quarter financial statements are available. If you would like a copy of yours, please see Lana Teigen in the office.

Bonfire Ministry "Bonfire"

The next bonfire will be Sun., July 27 at 6:30 p.m. at St. James. Our new Sr. Pastor, Randy Romsdahl, will be here to greet everyone! We hope you can make it for some s'mores and singing.

CPR Training at St. James

Bonfire Ministry will host a CPR/AED training on Sat., July 26 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Wold Hall.

To register, please contact Bonfire Parish Nurse Debbie Haney at 612-408-2049.

St. James' Website Accepts Donations!

The St. James website accepts one-time and recurring donations via checking, savings, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover). Click on the "Donate Now" button located on the left side of the homepage, www.stjamesincrystal.org. It's never been easier to make a donation to St. James!